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**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports the use of leghold traps until a more practical method is available for the harvest of surplus furbearer populations; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Association encourages the development and use of humane traps and trapping systems.**

#### **Resolution 6**

##### **FISH AND WILDLIFE RESOURCE EVALUATION PROCEDURES**

**WHEREAS, the Fish and Wildlife Service has developed procedures for the non-monetary evaluation of terrestrial wildlife habitat for use on water resources projects at the request of the several states and certain national conservation organizations; and**

**WHEREAS, these ecological planning and evaluation procedures are already being used by some states and are consistent with the effort to evaluate, compensate and mitigate wildlife losses; and**

**WHEREAS, universal adoption will ensure a standardized procedure rather than the confusion of a variety of procedures;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies endorses the Fish and Wildlife Evaluation Procedures dated July 1, 1976, and urges their use by state and federal agencies; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Water Resources Council adopt these procedures for use in evaluating all federal water development projects.**

#### **Resolution 7**

##### **SIKES ACT IMPLEMENTATION**

**WHEREAS, the Sikes Act directs the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture to plan, develop, maintain and coordinate programs for the conservation and rehabilitation of fish and wildlife habitat on certain public lands; and**

**WHEREAS, many states have completed comprehensive plans in cooperation with land management agencies; and**

**WHEREAS, with relatively few exceptions, federal agencies have been unable to initiate Sikes Act programs because Congress has not appropriated funds; and**

**WHEREAS, large areas of critical fish and wildlife habitat on public lands are in need of the type of programs authorized by the Act; and**

**WHEREAS, the authorization for funding for this program expires at the end of fiscal year 1977;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges Congress to extend authorization for Sikes Act funding and to appropriate funds so completed comprehensive plans for fish and wildlife habitat development may be implemented.**

#### **Resolution 8**

##### **AMENDING THE FISH AND WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT**

**WHEREAS, for a number of years the several states have sought to amend the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act to more adequately protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources; and**

**WHEREAS, for the past five years the National Coordinating Committee on fish and wildlife in federal water resource projects has urged that the Act be amended; and**

**WHEREAS, Congress has periodically considered but failed to enact amendments; and**